



MASSACHUSETTS

Workforce Investment Act

WIA Communication No. 03-15☒ **Policy** ☐ **Information**

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DET Regional Directors
DET Area Directors

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Jack King, Director
Division of Employment and Training

Date: June 24, 2003

Subject: 2003 Poverty Income Guidelines
2003 70% & 100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL)

Purpose: To provide CEOs and Workforce Investment Boards with the annual update of income guidelines for use when determining economically disadvantaged/low income status for eligibility under the Workforce Investment Act and other programs.

Background: Section 101(25) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) defines “low-income” as, among other things, an individual whose family income is not in excess of the higher of either the poverty level or 70% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL).

Section 663.230 of WIA Final Regulations requires that local boards set the criteria for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency. 100% of the LLSIL, as a minimum, must be used in the WIA Title I self-sufficiency standard calculations.

The Department of Health and Human Services published the 2003 Poverty Income Guidelines on February 7, 2003. The Department of Labor published the Lower Living Standard Income Levels for 2003 on May 30, 2003.

Policy: The higher of either the 2003 Poverty Income Guidelines or 70% of the 2003 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) shall be used for eligibility determination for WIA Title I and other programs using economically disadvantaged/low income status criteria. 100% of the LLSIL, as a minimum, must be used in the self-sufficiency standard calculations for WIA Title I.

In workforce investment areas covered by more than one set of LLSIL figures (where there is more than one type of metropolitan area), program operators will use the highest set of LLSIL guidelines for all cities and towns in the entire workforce investment area.

References: WIA Communication Policy 02-24 (2002 Guidelines)
Workforce Investment Act of 1998
CBWL Policy 00-14 Revised, Title I Eligibility Requirements
WIA Final Regulations, Federal Register 08/11/00
2003 Poverty Income Guidelines, Federal Register 02/07/03
2003 Lower Living Standard Income Levels, Federal Register 05/30/03

Action

Required: CEOs, WIBs and program operators shall implement the 2003 Poverty Income Guidelines and 2003 70% and 100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels in the determination of eligibility for WIA Title I and other programs using economically disadvantaged/low income status criteria. 100% of the LLSIL, as a minimum, must be used in the WIA Title I self-sufficiency standard calculations.

Effective: Program operators have the choice of using the guidelines retroactively to the effective dates of these charts and re-determining the eligibility of any WIA participants affected by these updates OR using the guidelines as of this issuance date in determining the eligibility of WIA Title I applicants.

Inquiries: Questions related to this policy should be directed to Carla Erb at (617) 626-5687.

Filing: Please file this in your notebook of previously issued WIA Communication Series Issuances as #03-15.

70% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVELS (LLSIL)

2003 70% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVELS (LLSIL)

As determined by U.S. Department of Labor

Effective May 30, 2003

FAMILY SIZE	BOSTON CMSA *	MASS. METRO *
1	(\$ 8,840)**	(\$ 8,010)**
2	\$ 14,480	\$ 13,120
3	\$ 19,880	\$ 18,010
4	\$ 24,540	\$ 22,230
5	\$ 28,960	\$ 26,240
6	\$ 33,870	\$ 30,680
Over 6 Increment	\$ 4,910	\$ 4,440

**Note:* Workforce investment areas with at least one town or city in the Boston Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area include: Boston, Bristol County, Brockton, Lower Merrimack, Metro North, Metro South/West, New Bedford, Northern Middlesex, North Central, South Coastal, Southern Essex and Southern Worcester. Workforce investment areas with at least one town or city within Metropolitan Areas, but none within the Boston CMSA, include: Berkshire, Franklin/Hampshire, Hampden County and Cape Cod.

POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES

2003 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES FOR ALL STATES (EXCEPT ALASKA AND HAWAII) AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Effective February 07, 2003

SIZE OF FAMILY	POVERTY GUIDELINE
1	\$ 8,980
2	(\$ 12,120)**
3	(\$ 15,260)
4	(\$ 18,400)
5	(\$ 21,540)
6	(\$ 24,680)
Over 6 Increment	\$ 3,140

*** Note:* For WIA eligibility determination, poverty income levels are higher only for family size of one.

100% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVELS (LLSIL)

2003 100% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVELS (LLSIL)

As determined by U.S. Department of Labor

Effective May 30, 2003

FAMILY SIZE	BOSTON CMSA *	MASS. METRO *
1	\$ 12,630	\$ 11,430
2	\$ 20,690	\$ 18,740
3	\$ 28,400	\$ 25,720
4	\$ 35,060	\$ 31,750
5	\$ 41,380	\$ 37,470
6	\$ 48,390	\$ 43,820
Over 6 Increment	\$ 7,010	\$ 6,350

**Note:* Workforce investment areas with at least one town or city in the Boston Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area include: Boston, Bristol County, Brockton, Lower Merrimack, Metro North, Metro South/West, New Bedford, Northern Middlesex, North Central, South Coastal, Southern Essex and Southern Worcester. Workforce investment areas with at least one town or city within Metropolitan Areas, but none within the Boston CMSA, include: Berkshire, Franklin/Hampshire, Hampden County and Cape Cod.